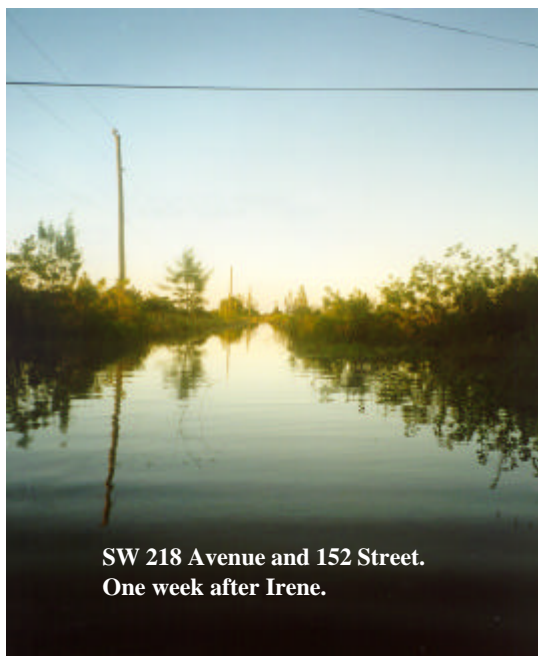
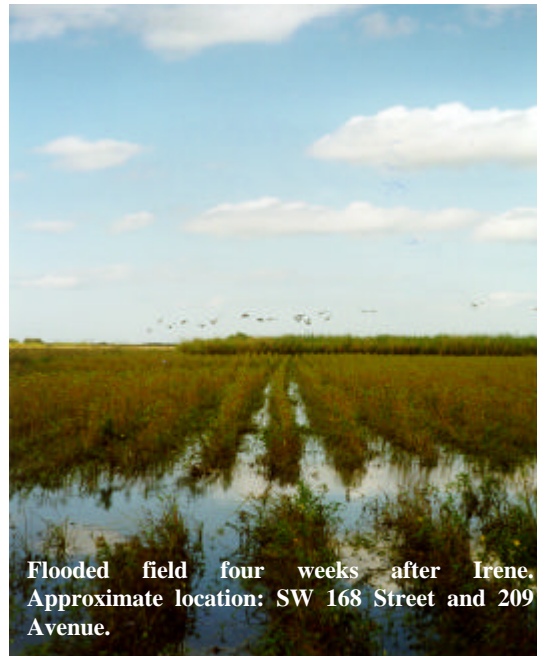


5.8 8½ Square Mile Area (SMA)

For the past thirty years, the residents of the 8½ SMA have sought better roads and flood protection. According to the resident's representative, flooding depth as a result of Hurricane Irene was less than three feet in most places and "relatively few people had water inside their homes". As stated in the resident's report to the Task Force, their major problem was the "lack of assistance in removing flood water after the storm and failure to provide emergency road repairs to make road passable to emergency vehicles". According to the resident's report, "the following three factors unnaturally impound groundwater and thus have a greater impact on water levels than rainfall:

1. The water level in the L31-North canal, which forms our eastern boundary,
2. Our illegally blocked secondary drainage system, and
3. The unnatural distribution of water flows being released from the WCA's, under the Tamiami Trail into Shark River Slough and Northeast Shark River Slough."



To remedy these situations, the resident's report recommended completion of the Corps Mod Waters Project and that their secondary drainage system be cleaned out and reattached to L-31 North.



Further information on the 8½ SMA can be found in Appendix H.

Please see the beginning of this Chapter for the relative location of the 8½ SMA in the south part of Miami-Dade County.